

# *The Most Beautiful Thing* Writer's Workshop



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# Writer's Workshop

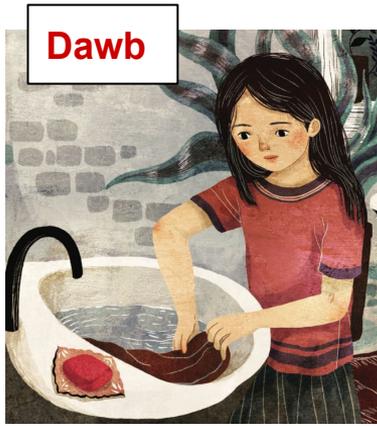
## Lesson 1

### Writing

In this story, how are family members taking care of each other?

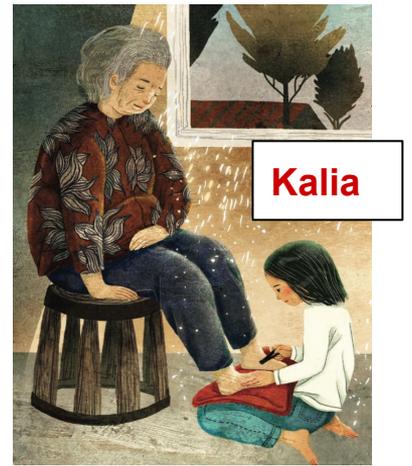
Student Directions:

1. How did the grandchildren care for Grandma?
2. How do you care for your loved ones?
3. How do they care for you?
4. When you are ready to write, open your grade level template.



Dawb

## 1st Grade - Sentence Frames



Kalia

Dawb, Lei, and Kalia are taking care of their grandma by \_\_\_\_\_

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Lei

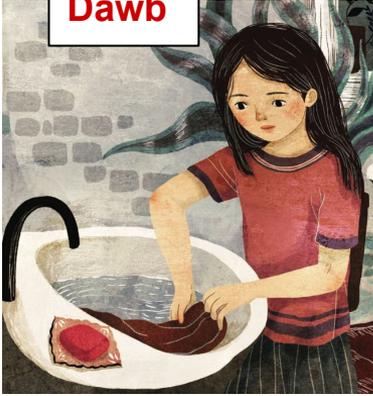
They are helping her by \_\_\_\_\_

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Dawb



Lei



## 2nd Grade - Sentence Frames

Dawb, Lei, and Kalia are taking care of their grandma by \_\_\_\_\_

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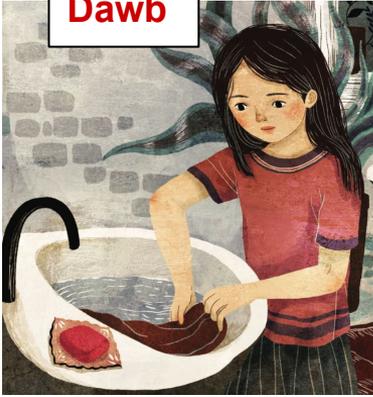
Kalia

How do you care for loved ones?

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Dawb



Lei



## 3rd Grade - Sentence Frames

Dawb, Lei, and Kalia are taking care of their grandma by \_\_\_\_\_

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Kalia

How do you care for loved ones?

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How do they care for you?

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## Lesson 2

Student Directions:

1. In part two of this story, take a close look at what you see in these two pictures.
2. Write about what you see in picture #1 and picture #2.
3. Next, write about how both of these pictures are similar.
4. Then, write about how pictures #1 and #2 are different.



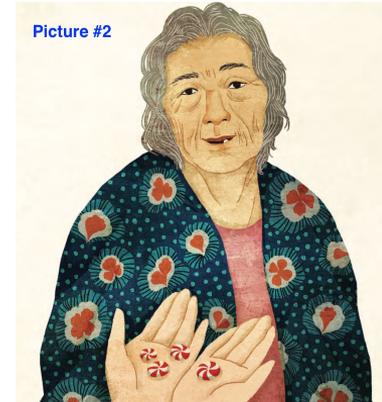
## 1st Grade - Sentence Frames

In the first picture, I see \_\_\_\_\_.

In the second picture, I see \_\_\_\_\_.

They both have \_\_\_\_\_.

They don't have \_\_\_\_\_.





## 2nd Grade - Sentence Frames

In the first picture, I see \_\_\_\_\_.

In the second picture, I see \_\_\_\_\_.

They are alike because they both have \_\_\_\_\_.

They are different because \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ and  
the \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't.





## 3rd Grade - Sentence Frames

In the first picture, I notice \_\_\_\_\_

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In the second picture, I notice \_\_\_\_\_

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They are similar because \_\_\_\_\_

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They are different because \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lesson 3

### Writing

What is the most beautiful thing to you?

Student Directions:

1. Think about how Grandma's tooth was the most beautiful thing to Kalia.
2. Ask yourself, "What is the most beautiful thing to me?"
3. Think about someone you care about and the beautiful thing that makes them special.
4. Then, write about this special person and what is the most beautiful thing about them.

# 1st Grade - Sentence Frames



Draw and write about a special person. What is the “most beautiful thing” about them?

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## 2nd Grade - Sentence Frames



Who is someone you care about and what is the “most beautiful thing” about them?

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## 3rd Grade - Sentence Frames



Who is someone you care about and what is the “most beautiful thing” about them?

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Explain why they are important to you.

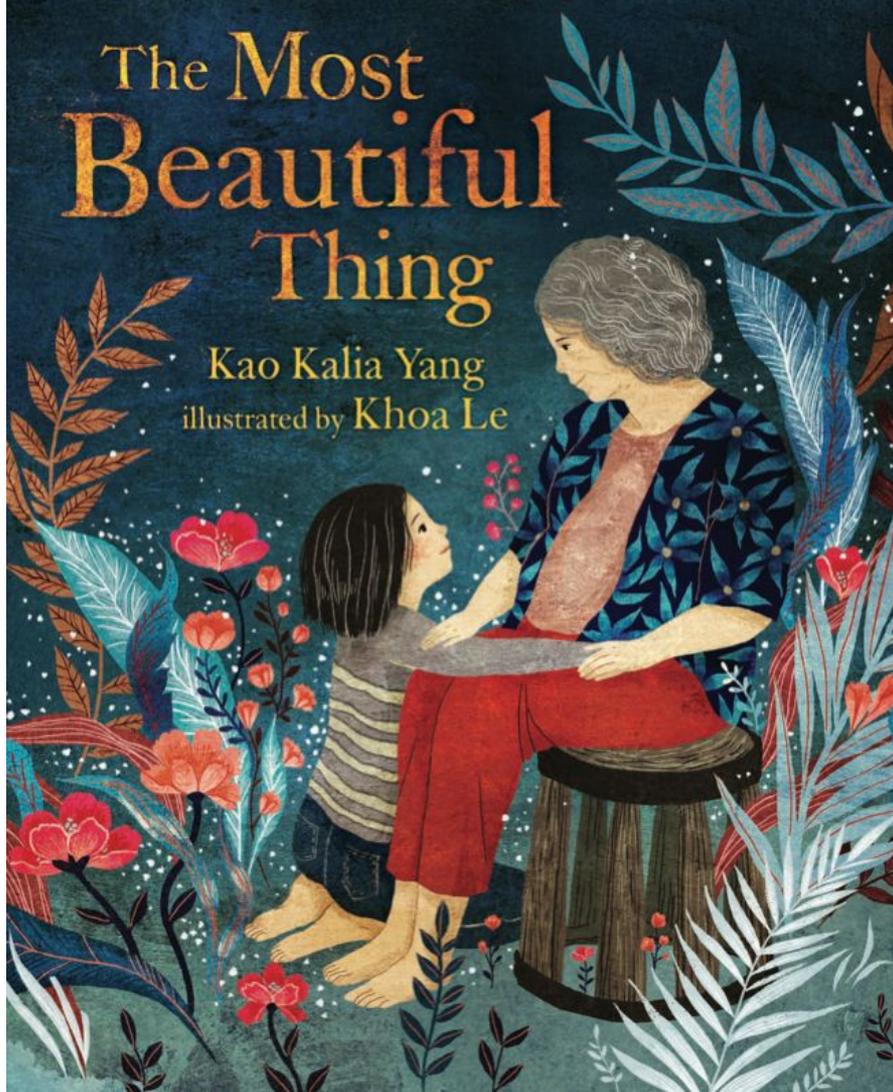
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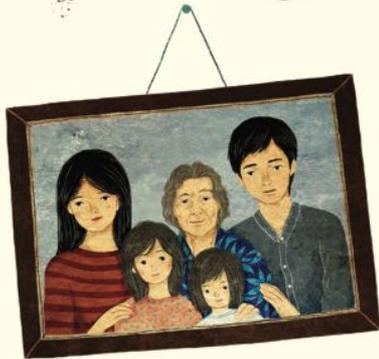
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**Chue** is pronounced CHEW. It means *bell* and can be a name for a girl or a boy.

**Dawb** is pronounced DUH, with a rising tone. It means *white* and can be a name for a girl or a boy.

**Hmong** is pronounced MOHNG. The word refers to a people, an ethnic minority, from Southeast Asia. Starting in 1975, many Hmong families came to the United States as refugees of war.

**Lei** is pronounced LAY. It is a name for a girl or a boy.

**me naib** is pronounced MEE NYE with a rising tone at the end. It is a term of endearment for a child, similar to “my dear” or “my darling.”

**phim nyu vais** is pronounced PEE NYU VYE. The word refers to an evil spirit that causes sickness and death.

**pog ntxoog** is pronounced BAH TXHONG. The word refers to a female jungle spirit who was once human and is the size of a child.

A decorative border surrounds the central text and drawing area. It features a repeating pattern of stylized red flowers with teal and black outlines, set against a dark background with swirling teal and black patterns.

Draw a picture of the most beautiful thing about someone you love.

